

CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

- 5 1. A device comprising:
 - a telephone port for coupling to a telephone network; and
 - a processor coupled with the telephone port, wherein the processor is adapted to
 - establish a first modem connection with a first modem over a first telephone line;
 - establish a second modem connection with a second modem over a second telephone line;
 - exchange data over the first and second modem connections concurrently;
 - place the first modem connection on hold from the exchanging of data to start a first hold session;
 - place the second modem connection on hold from the exchanging of data to start a second hold session;
 - prevent the first hold session from exceeding a first hold timeout time limit without the first modem connection being discontinued; and
 - 20 prevent the second hold session from exceeding a second hold timeout time limit without the second modem connection being discontinued, wherein the second hold timeout time limit is different from the first hold timeout time limit.